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A Community Success Story

Last September's visit to Wasatch County by the Utah Legislature was a crucial event that contributed to the county receiving nearly a million dollars in capital project and Olympic fund money at the close of this year's legislative session.

Several people came together to make the visit memorable for legislators—Sen. Beverly Evans, Rep. Gordon Snow, Homestead General Manager Britt Mathwich, Soldier Hollow Legacy Committee Chairman Howard Peterson, Wasatch County Economic and Development Director Robyn Pearson, Rep. David Ure of Kamas, County Commission Chairman Mike Kohler, Heber Valley Railroad Director Craig Lacy, as well as scores of citizens and several other county department

personnel.

"It's extremely rare for one county to get nearly a million dollars," said Rep. Gordon Snow, sponsor of the bill. Snow added that the legislative visit was a success because of a team effort, helping to secure this year's appropriation.

In fact, there were just 15 new capital project items approved in this year's session. And only one item, \$260,000 for the Heber Valley Historic Railroad Depot, was earmarked for the construction of a new building. Combined with \$700,000 for a day-lodge at Soldier Hollow, Wasatch County came out a big winner.

Thanks to everyone involved, the railroad, as well as Soldier Hollow, will receive the funds necessary to start the process toward a continued legacy.